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1. ON 6-27-78 RIAC STOCK AND S/A CARLOS RIVERA TRAVELLED TO AGUAS VERDES, TUMBES, PERU TO CONFER WITH PIP COMISARIO PRIMERO PEDRO RODREIQUEZ AND CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATOR HUGO V. CORTEZ-IRIARTE. ONE HOUR PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL IN AQUAS VERDES, PERUVIAN CUSTOMS ARRESTED A CITIZEN OF ARGENTINA, HIS WIFE, A COLOMBIAN COUPLE AND SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 50 KILOGRAMS OF COCA PASTE.

2. INVESTIGATION REVEALED SUBJECTS HAD BEEN IN MENDOZA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARGENTINA TOGETHER. BOTH LEFT ON THE SAME DATE; THE COLOMBIAN COUPLE DRIVING A TOYOTA WITH COLOMBIAN LICENSE PLATES TRAVELLED TO SANTIAGO, CHILE AND ON TO AGUAS VERDES, PERU. THE ARGENTINE COUPLE TRAVELLED TO BOLIVIA WHERE THEY PURCHASED THE COCA PASTE AND CONCEALED IT IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE CAMPER TOP OF THE FORD TRUCK THEY WERE DRIVING.

3. WITH THE PASTE THEY ARRIVED IN AGUAS VERDES ON THE SAME DATE. DURING FIRST QUESTIONING THE ARGENTINE IMPLICATED THE COLOMBIAN BUT LATER CLAIMED THE LOAD WAS HIS. HE STATED HE INTENDED TO SMUGGLE IT TO COLOMBIA WHERE IT WOULD BE SOLD. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY DEA ONLY. RIAC STOCK BISHTON

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